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Richard W. Hamming Faculty Award for Teaching, Naazneen Barma (2018)

Dear Colleagues,

I am pleased to announce that Dr. Naazneen Barma, Associate Professor in the Department of National Security Affairs, is the NPS Academic Year 2018 Richard W. Hamming Teaching Award winner in recognition of her exceptional teaching. Professor Barma excelled in all three criteria for the Hamming award: outstanding teaching, excellence in thesis supervision, and strength of contribution to NPS students beyond the classroom.

Dr. Barma has continually distinguished herself in the classroom since joining the NPS faculty 8 years ago. In her political economy courses, she breaks down complex economic concepts and highlights their contemporary significance through an energetic mix of lecture and discussion that emphasizes student engagement as a crucial element of learning. Setting a high standard for analytical writing, she has served as first reader or co-advisor on 31 completed theses and as second reader on 19 completed theses, as well as on one Ph.D. dissertation committee. Several of these theses have won departmental awards. In addition, Dr. Barma has served as Academic Associate for three different curriculum and certificate programs in the NS department over the past three academic years. In this role, she has aided a great number of students beyond the classroom, making herself fully available to guide students in selecting courses for their programs, in developing thesis research questions, in preparing for comps, and in negotiating whatever academic challenges they may face. She has also delivered a range of educational content through non-traditional modalities at NPS, including briefings for tailored support programs at the Center for Executive Education and short course modules for the Center on Civil–Military Relations and the Pacific Fleet Regional Security Education Program.

I want to thank the Hamming Teaching Award Committee comprised of Professor Monique Fargues, Chair, Associate Professor Aruna Apte, Associate Professor Heather Gregg, Associate Professor James Russell, Research Associate Professor Thomas Murphree, Captain Angelica Silva-Garza and Captain Ben Collier for their excellent job in selecting this very deserving award winner.

Professor Naazneen Barma embodies the varied types of teaching contributions the Richard W. Hamming Award is intended to recognize. Please join me in congratulating her.

Sincerely,

Steven R. Lerman
Provost and Academic Dean